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"(d) There is no such proposal at present. The Government will examine proposals in this regard as and when the Market Committees concerned submit them."

Bus service in Vijayavada Municipality.

* 773 Q.—SRI T. POTHA RAJU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether a resolution passed by the Vijayavada Municipal Council to the effect that the city bus service of Vijayavada should be taken over and run by the Municipality has been received; and if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI:—"Yes. The proposal of the Municipal Council to operate city service buses departmentally was not approved, as it was considered doubtful whether the Municipal Council could successfully compete with private bus operators unless it was enabled to run bus services on monopolistic basis."

Representations from the Harijans of Bhavani taluk.

* 774 Q.—SRI P. G. MANICKAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received representations stating that a number of Harijan cheris within the Gobichettipalayam and Bhavani taluks situated on the banks of the River Bhavani have no drinking-water wells, and burial-grounds; and

(b) what action the Government have taken or propose to take in the matter?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—"(a) No.

"(b) Does not arise."

Investigation of the schemes proposed by Panchayat Boards.

* 775 Q.—SRI M. S. MOGRAL: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received representations from the public that in the case of schemes proposed by Panchayat Boards, the Public Works department has been making inordinate delay in investigating them; and

(b) what steps Government have taken to prevent such delay?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI:—"(a) Yes.

"(b) The Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards has under orders of Government appointed one common engineering supervisor for panchayat works in each district. The supervisor for Coimbatore district will also attend to the works of the panchayats in the Nilgiris district. It is